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Raised Bill No. 1363

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING RATES PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES TO VISION CARE PROVIDERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
2 Services shall reimburse providers of vision services under the state-
3 administered general assistance program and the Medicaid program at
4 a rate that is equal to the rate paid to providers of comparable services
5 under the Medicaid fee-for-service program. Such reimbursement rate
6 shall be retroactive to all services provided on or after January 2, 2007,
7 and shall remain in place in subsequent fiscal years.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision
9 of chapter 319t or 319v of the general statutes, the Department of Social
10 Services shall not require that a recipient of medical assistance under
11 the state-administered general assistance program or the Medicaid
12 program obtain a physician's referral prior to accessing the
13 professional services of a licensed ophthalmologist or a licensed
14 optometrist.

15 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of _____ dollars is

16 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General
17 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, to increase the
18 reimbursement to providers of vision care services under the state-
19 administered general assistance program in accordance with section 1
20 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure adequate compensation and access to vision care providers under the state-administered general assistance and Medicaid programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]